

Application Serial No. 10/088,627
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 12-15 are pending. Claims 16-23 have been cancelled without intending to abandon or to dedicate to the public any patentable subject matter.

Election/Restriction:

The Examiner has imposed a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372 between Claims 12-15 (Group I), Claim 16 (Group II), Claims 17 and 18 (Group III), Claims 19-21 (Group IV), Claim 22 (Group V) and Claim 23 (Group VI). Applicants hereby elect the Examiner's Group I (claims 12-15) without traverse. Applicants have cancelled claims directed to non-elected Groups.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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